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Mother of Shaheed Arshad Sharif
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Dated: 06 Dec 2022

To,
Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan.

Subject: **Application for Registration of FIR by Mrs. Riffat Ara Alvi against Murder of My Son, International Investigative Journalist Arshad Sharif.**

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan gave directions on 6th Dec 2022 to register FIR against the murder/assassination of Arshad Sharif Shaheed.

In April 2022, after the No Confidence Motion in National Assembly against PM Imran Khan, my son Arshad Sharif took a principled stance and became critical of military's involvement in politics and its role in political engineering. Arshad previously had been on very good terms with Pakistan's military since last 15 years, covering almost all operations done by the Army against militants by going there physically. But as he began doing investigative stories on military's involvement in political engineering, gross interference in civil matters and numerous forceful disappearances since last few months, he became very critical of the **individuals** in military doing these illegal acts and started pointing them out subtly in his tweets and programs. He gathered evidence and started questioning the powerful military circles COAS **General Qamar Javed Bajwa** and DG ISI **Lt Gen Nadeem Anjum** specially when he did a program "Woh Kon Tha" on 31st May 2022 on ARY Channel. This is when he started receiving numerous threats, first from **Brig Muhammad Shafiq Malik** of ISPR. There after Arshad started mentioned about him in various tweets as "*Ganja Shaitan*" (to subtly point towards him as Brig Shafiq is bald) and then later from **Brig Fahim Raza** of ISI who even called him in ISI Sector HQ Islamabad to convey message of **Maj Gen Faisal Naseer** DG (C) ISI. When Arshad did not stop and continued giving his opinion in his programs, Brig Faheem Raza started sending threats via **Col Rizwan** and **Col Nouman** of ISI. In his last meeting Col Nouman of ISI came to meet him at home and told Arshad that whatever he is telling him is coming from the top, and whatever Arshad be saying will also be conveyed to the top. He warned him of dire consequences if Arshad doesn't stop with his narrative and opinion, and that Arshad will be "**FIXED**". Arshad did not leave his stance and continued doing his investigative programs in usual way, when the threats started getting more grave and various vindictive FIRs with malafide intentions were registered against him at different cities all over Pakistan which included charges of sedition and treason, Arshad started mentioning about them and the people behind it subtly in his various programs on ARY which are still available

online to be viewed as evidence. Arshad wrote a letter to the President of Pakistan and Chief Justice Pakistan and etc. that his life is under threat and demanded justice. Finally, on 9th Aug 2022, another FIR was registered against Arshad and he also started receiving reports of plans to get him assassinated in Pakistan through his numerous reliable sources, he told us that some assassins were following him and had even come near the house, he has to leave Pakistan for safety. He left Pakistan for Dubai on 10th Aug 2022 via Peshawar. Arshad was moving very discreetly during his last one month in Pakistan, and even at times didn't leave the house for days. The very next day, ARY was off aired by Govt and channel was only opened after ARY announced firing Arshad from the channel on 31st Aug 2022. Arshad shared all these things with me and family at various occasions before leaving for Dubai on 10th August 2022 and told us that if anything happens to him, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, Lt Gen Nadeem Anjum, Maj Gen Faisal Naseer, Brig Muhammad Shafiq Malik, Brig Faheem Raza, Col Rizwan and Col Nouman will be responsible.

Upon reaching Dubai, Arshad stayed at a hotel for a few days when one day an official of UAE came to him and told him that he has to leave UAE within 48 hours as there was pressure on them to deport Arshad back to Pakistan, he has to leave UAE and can go to any other country. He told Arshad they knew he was a journalist so they understood his situation that is why they are giving him the opportunity to leave UAE instead of deporting him.

Arshad was not having visa of any other country. He left Dubai in a haste the next morning for Kenya where he stayed with one **Waqar Ahmed** which was arranged by Salman Iqbal CEO ARY via Tariq Wasi (as confirmed from FFT report). In Kenya, Arshad stayed for around 2 months and continued giving opinions and raising questions about military involvement in politics via various Vlogs on his Youtube Channel "*Arshad Sharif Official*".

On late hours of 23rd Oct 2022, Arshad Sharif's targeted murder took place. On 24th October 2022 (Pakistan Time) at around 2 AM I received the news that Arshad has been killed in a shootout by Kenyan Police while he was travelling with **Khurram Ahmed** brother of Waqar Ahmed. Kenyan Police Initially described it as a case of mistaken identity, but as things unfolded in the coming days and also confirmed from the report of FFT, it became evident that it was a planned targeted assassination rather than a case of mistaken identity. Also confirmed by FFT Report, out of the 16 FIRs, only two petitioners appeared before the FFT. The one in Memon Goth was registered by SHO Memon Goth on directions of SSP Malir Irfan Bahadur which he received in the ISI Office Karachi in presence of 3x ISI officers. FFT also established that Waqar Ahmed was also in contact with Sector Commander ISI Islamabad Brig Faheem Raza.

Therefore, I would like to nominate General (R) Qamar Javed Bajwa, Lt Gen Nadeem Anjum, Maj Gen Faisal Naseer, Brig Muhammad Shafiq Malik, Brig Faheem Raza, Col Rizwan, Col Nouman, Waqar Ahmed, Khurram Ahmed and etc. in the FIR for targeted, premeditated, planned and calculated murder of my son Arshad Sharif.

On account of targeted murder of Arshad Sharif, terrorism spread in whole journalist community in Pakistan and Internationally. As transnational elements are involved in this case, therefore it is requested that FIR be lodged at Counter Terrorism Wing of FIA under section 302 PPC and Section 7 of Anti-Terrorism Act 1997.

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6th Dec 2022

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CC:

1. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan.
2. DG Human Rights Cell, Supreme Court of Pakistan.

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Respected Chief Justice

I, mother of Shaheed Journalist Arshad Sharif request your honour to take immediate notice of present Government's approach and attitude towards the brutal and merciless assassination of my son in Nairobi, Kenya on 23rd October 2022 so that justice is provided to both, me, his wife Mrs. Somiya Arshad and his five orphan children. We want justice. Nothing else.

My Shaheed son Arshad Sharif during his life, wrote a letter to your honour on 12th July 2022 to bring into your notice the threats to his life and the numerous baseless criminal cases initiated across the country by the present government (multiple FIRs) against him on the grounds of sedition and other charges. On account of this my Shaheed son was forced to leave the country on 10th August 2022 and had to take refuge in Dubai.

When my son reached Dubai, I was content and less worried as I thought my only living son's life was out of danger and that he was safe from these false and frivolous cases of sedition. The Pakistani government, however, pressured and compelled the government of UAE to expel my son from UAE. Consequently, my Shaheed son immediately left for Kenya due to easy visa on arrival policy. After two months, he was assassinated mercilessly in Nairobi, Kenya.

The real reasons of the case are being concealed which must be brought to limelight especially in view of the following:

1. Kenyan police changed their stance and statements three to four times.
2. Well before the investigation team had left for Kenya on 28th October 2022, Federal Ministers started airing different fabricated stories in relation to the death of my Shaheed son which are available on media record.
3. The Prime Minister in his statement had made an announcement that a letter will be written to Islamabad High Court to appoint a high power judicial commission, however, unfortunately, contradictory to his statement one retired Justice Abdul Shakoor Piracha and two federal government officials have been made members of the commission which indicates malafide intentions of the government.

I, mother of Shaheed Arshad Sharif request your honour to protect my Shaheed son's murder case from becoming controversial and justice be provided to Shaheed Arshad Sharif from Pakistan's highest court. I further request your honour to take legal action in accordance with law and appoint a High Powered Judicial Commission so that the feeling of insecurity amongst the family members of Shaheed Arshad Sharif along with the Journalist community is taken care of.

As mother of Shaheed Arshad Sharif, I ask your honour to save the assassination of my son from becoming a case of; dishonesty and political hypocrisy. As a Chief Justice of Pakistan, I request you to take notice of this brutal murder and set up a judicial commission consisting of senior judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan to determine the real motive and identify criminals behind this heinous crime. Only knowing the real motive and criminals and bringing them to justice would end the agony of Shaheed Arshad Sharif's family and his journalist fraternity. Otherwise I rest my case to Allah SWT waiting for His justice. I hope my letter receives due attention given the gravity of the case and is not ignored like my Shaheed son's letter written to the authorities informing about threats to his life. This is my first and last letter, requesting for justice in accordance with law.

A grieving and agonized mother

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